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YENDIN	24		Battalion moved to position of assembly in the trenches behind 20 section at CAMBRIN this night. No loss was incurred.	
In Trenches	25		On arrival in the assembly trenches battalion was issued with rum & settled down to await orders. The hour of zero (the turning on the gas) was fixed for 5.50 am. The actual advance was to commence at 6.30 am. At 5.30 am the battalion left the assembly trenches moving down RAILWAY ALLEY, D Coy leading B-C-A in gunners following in that order. At RAILWAY Loop trench was made into the rear battery of the 28th I.B. according to arrangement. After this progress was slow. The plan had been that after reaching the very front trenches we should move to right, get trench with the 12 R.S. (who were to come up after C.T.) then move out in support of them. By 8 am the battalion had not cleared RAILWAY ALLEY the C.O. fearing that the 12 R.S. would already have moved out & would be therefore unsupported, decided to move along a Reserve trench to the right & get out of	

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Trenches	25		<p>the trenches as soon as possible. The 20th I.B. was blocking us not having cleared the trenches. At 9.30 am the Battalion had advanced, but the 10th A & S Hqs had moved out in support after 12 R.S. so we followed in rear. The Battalion now became divided. 2 Coys moving on one objective (DOUVRIEN) the other two moving to support the 26th I.B. at HAINES. This latter was quite a correct move as the 27th I.B. was in reserve. The portion moving on HAINES reached the outskirts of the village but was eventually obliged to withdraw back up into the general line in front of the PEKIN trenches. The portion moving on DOUVRIEN was able to occupy a portion of PEKIN trench for an hour or so. It now came on to burn the men lying out in the open (it was impossible to use the trench as it was too deep) got very hot & cold. The enemy's artillery had by now taken up its new position & shelled us heavily. Being unable to move on & as no impulse was received</p>	

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Thimble	25		from the rear the Battalion withdrew to the line of FOISE ALLEY which we attempted to consolidate. The whole of the 27 th 7 B were now mixed up & at dusk the reorganization was attempted, & the consolidation commenced. at 1 am the 26 th the enemy counter attacked the left of the division on our right (7 th Div) driving them from their position. We drew back our right flank before this move, but a similar attack on FOISE & threatening the left flank of our Bde, the whole Bde withdrew to our own front trench, leaving the HOHENZOLLERN redoubt & some of the German front line trench held by the new troops. The 26 th was spent in reorganizing the battalion in our original assembly trenches. At 5 am the 26 th with the battalion was ordered forward to occupy a portion of the German front line trench called QUARRY trench. This was done about midnight. Had the 7 th Div been able to advance we were to advance also & seize FOISE ALLEY.	
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	27 th		The morning of the 27 th was spent in converting QUARRY trench into a fire trench for our own use.	

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QUARRY AT TRENCH (CAMBRIN)	27	1pm	<p>although there had been constant attacks on the left flank of our Brigade i.e. on those troops occupying SLA & alley we had been left fairly quiet. The 6th Royal Scots Fusiliers had been bombed out of their trenches with heavy loss. The 10th Argylls suffered heavily also. These were the two battalions on our left. The 7th Division prolonged our right. At about 1pm the enemy commenced a strong counter attack from the direction of FORSE 8 on HOHENZOLLERN. our trenches were heavily shelled by shrapnel but the actual attack was launched on our left. Units of the 24th Division were holding HOHENZOLLERN. The enemy made a most determined attack well supported by their artillery, but it was repulsed. The enemy must have suffered heavily. It was noticed in this attack that the enemy bombing party tried first to get a footing in our trench & then bomb his way up the trenches at about 7pm the order was sent out for the 25th 12th Bde</p>	

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Trenches	27	Th	Withdraw to our own lines as soon as we had been relieved. This order only reached a portion of the battalion & only that portion was relieved (120 in all). The remainder of the battalion under Capt Wemyss Campbell not having been relieved had to remain in the trenches. The portion that had relieved then withdrew to GRENAY lines & reorganised.	
	28 th		Throughout the day men remained in party in GRENAY lines. The battalion under Capt Wemyss Campbell in the same QUARRY trench supplied bombs for the Battalion on either flank throughout the whole of this day. These battalions had few bombs & the cry was continually passed down for the bombs of the Royal Scots. Our bombs did very fine work. In some cases they could be seen chasing the German bombs down communication trenches for nearly 500 yards. We lost many bombs mostly wounded, but our bombs nearly always killed the Germans outright.	

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Trenches	28		In some places the German killed were so numerous that the trench was piled with them & our bombs were greatly exposed to enemy fire in following them up. The order for the battalion to withdraw was received about 9 pm & it withdrew to GRENAY lines.	
	29		This morning was spent in reorganizing & giving the men a good breakfast as no rations had reached the battalion since operations commenced on the 25th inst. at 2.30 pm we were conveyed in motorbuses to BETHUNE & were allotted the Cemetery (!) area for our billets.	
BETHUNE	30		This day was spent in making out casualties, reorganizing the battalion & issuing a certain amount of clothing. The transport left this night for ROPERIVILLE the battalion was under orders to proceed next day by train.	
			Casualties in action killed 25th - 28th inst attached	Leaving for Capt & Capt H R S.

